



Attendees: Gina Ramos (BLM), Annie Simpson (USGS, cochair), Bob Norwierski (NIFA), Mike Ielmini (FS), Chris Holdren (BOR), Hilary Smith (DOI), Jonathan Jones (APHIS), John Klattiver (FWS)

ACTIONS SUMMARY

Action	Who	Date
Announce meeting time change to both listservs: <i>Starting in June, the FICMNEW public meeting will take place on the last Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM eastern</i>	Simpson	ASAP

Meeting Summary

This call followed the executive session of FICMNEW, which began 90 minutes earlier. This month there were no additional people who joined the call. The discussion consisted of Agency Round Table Reports. These notes also provide information discussed in the executive session on topics that were included on the public agenda.

Report on status of Weeds Across Borders/North American Invasive Species Forum meeting (Simpson)

- WAB/NAISF planning committee meeting report
 - Attendees -- US: Simpson, Ramos, and Hogan (FICMNEW). Mexico: Ana Isabel González (CONABIO). Canada: Gail Wallen (Alberta Invasive Species Council), Barry Gibbs (Invasive Species Council), Bruno Paris (Environment Canada), Cory Lindgren and Wendy Asbil (Food Inspection Agency).
 - We thanked Gail and the Canadian WAB committee for carrying out the October 2014 meeting in Ottawa with no on-site US federal participation that we know of. There was a remote WebEx presentation about FICMNEW by Doug Holy. (NISC did not attend, but Bob Wiltshire from ISAC did.)
 - We requested more time to determine the level of participation and support that FICMNEW can provide in 2016 under the broader taxonomic scope, and the decision about which proposal to accept was postponed for at least another 3 weeks.

Meeting report back on 8th International IPM Symposium, "IPM: Solutions for a Changing World" March 23-26, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT (Nowierski)

- Symposia on Herbicide Resistance, Management of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (egg parasitoids from Asia and recently found in the U.S. are promising), and Management of spotted wing drosophila (generalist pupal parasitoids found in U.S.; larval parasitoids found in South Korea) were among the most informative symposia.
- David Shaw from Mississippi State University talked about Weed Resistance: A wicked problem
 - Resistance is worse today than ever before, despite all the ongoing efforts to address herbicide resistance
 - Use to be able to tolerate low weed levels; with herbicide resistance the old thresholds for action don't apply; we now have a zero tolerance because of resistance; we need to think of resistant weeds as a new species!
 - He mentioned that EPA is now requiring a stewardship plan as part of the herbicide label to address herbicide resistance
 - In addition, the Agronomy Society provides Certified Crop Advisor certification for training to develop stewardship development plans.
- David Ervin, a sociologist from Portland State University talked about the need for community-based approaches to address herbicide resistance.
 - The problem is how to get growers to act as a collective in addressing herbicide resistance; one non-cooperative grower can spread weeds to adjacent farms and watersheds; so it's important to get all the growers in an area to address herbicide resistance.

ISAC meeting - May 20-22 at NOAA in Silver Spring (Smith, Simpson)

- Note that ISAC meeting links are not easily discoverable.
- Meeting page including registration is here: <http://www.doi.gov/invasivespecies/isac/isac-meetings.cfm>
- Smith provided details of the ISAC meeting locale and agenda, available here http://www.doi.gov/invasivespecies/isac/upload/ISAC_Agenda_052014_FINAL.pdf



FICMNEW meeting time change: report on results of poll (Simpson)

Poll asked one question, was sent to both fed and non-fed listservs:

"Which timeframe would be your preferred time for FICMNEW to meet?"

- Possible answers and results (n=12):
Keep time as is 3
Move ahead 4 hours 5
I don't care either way 4
- Because the majority requested a time change, consensus was to move meeting time forward by 4 hours starting in June.
- **ACTION:** Simpson will announce meeting time change to both listservs: Starting in June, FICMNEW will meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 1 PM eastern in executive session (for 90 minutes) followed by our open meeting at 2:30 PM eastern (for 90 minutes).

Participants round table (All)

- **APHIS** (J. Jones)
 - EPA under their Renewable Fuel Standard has been petitioned to consider three species for that program. They petitioned the USDA Biofuel Team for information on these species. APHIS generated Weed Risk Assessments (WRA) on all three: *Brassica carinata*, *Jatropha curcas*, and *Thlaspi arvense*. These WRAs have been completed and provided to EPA and are also posted on the APHIS Federal Noxious Weed site:
<http://www.aphis.gov/planthealth/fnw>
 - Recently EPA posted a Federal Notice on regulations for the use of *Thlaspi arvense* grown as biofuel under their RFS program. The comment period has closed and comments are being considered. The Notice and submitted comments can be viewed at:
<http://www.regulations.gov>
- **BLM** (Ramos)
 - BLM will release the Draft Vegetation Treatments Using Aminopyralid, Fluroxypyr, and Rimsulfuron on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in May, Gina will send the link to the website to FICMNEW members.
 - BLM is reviewing a total of 16 Resource Management Plan Amendments and EIS for Sage Grouse
 - BLM is working on comments on the proposed ICR amendment for rulemaking "Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators" Proposed Rule [RIN 2070-AJ20]. OMB No.: 2070-[new]; EPA No.: 2499.01number EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0183
 - May 8 2015, the final report is due to the Secretary of Interior for Secretarial Order 3336, Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management and Restoration
 - BLM is preparing internal comments for HR1485 "Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act" - this is the same bill, sponsored by Mr. Amodei that was sponsored by Mr. Bishop, Utah in 113th congress.
- **BOR** (Holdren)
 - The job opening for BOR's Invasive Species Coordinator has been posted, but it is currently open only to current Bureau of Reclamation employees serving under competitive service career or career-conditional appointments. It can be viewed at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetail/401029500>.
- **NIFA** (Norwierski)
 - An RFP from the pest management program Norwierski directs, "Crop Protection and Pest Management – Applied Research and Development Program," closed a few weeks back and the fate of the proposals will be decided sometime in late June 2015.
 - The Applied Research and Development Program has some unique attributes and funds three types of projects:
 1. Applied Research-only projects;
 2. Research-led projects that require at least 20% Extension activities; and
 3. Extension-led projects that require at least 20% research activities.By providing funding opportunities for these different types of projects, NIFA hopes to support a continuum of projects no matter what phase they are in development.
- **USFS** (Ielmini) –
 - Attended the Cheatgrass presentation by the Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition (RRISC)
 - Weed Summit linked to Greater Sage-grouse conservation is planned for July 2015 or later this fall
 - Conducting FEIS reviews related to Greater Sage-grouse for USFS National Forests (5 State-wide sets).



FICMNEW - public meeting notes

29-April-2015, 10:30 AM eastern

- Working on Final Report for S.O. 3336 (*AN INTEGRATED RANGELAND FIRE PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION STRATEGY*) as part of the interagency team. Recently met with DOI officials on final draft.
- Working on National EDRR Framework and Funding Mechanism with other federal agencies (President's Priority Agenda on Climate Change and Natural Resources)
- USFS Vegetation Ecology and Botany staff working on National Seed Strategy – linking to restoration for sage grouse and other species/habitats.
- Pulling Together Initiative – Recommended we have an opportunity to expand the program support for CWMA establishment in GrSG region (11 Western States).

Potential Acronyms List

Term/ Acronym	Meaning [note that some acronyms in this list may not appear in this document]
ACK55	Bioherbicide <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> strain ACK55
AM	Ante Meridian (morning)
ANSTF	Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture
APIPP	Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
BLM	Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior
CO	Colorado
CONABIO	National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (in Spanish)
CWMA	Cooperative Weed Management Area
D7	bioherbicide <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> strain D7
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
DOS	Department of State
DOT	Department of Transportation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAB	Emerald Ash Borer
EDDMapS	Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System
EDRR	Early Detection Rapid assessment and Response
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FEIS	Fire Effects Information System
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation
FICMNEW	Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious Exotic Weeds
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior
GrSG	Greater Sage Grouse
ICR	Internal Control Review
IPC	Invasive Plant Control, Inc.
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ISAC	Invasive Species Advisory Committee (FACA Committee of NISC)
ITAP	Federal Interagency Committee on Invasive Terrestrial Animals and Pathogens

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MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
NAISF	North American Invasive Species Forum; also "NAIS Forum" (formerly Weeds Across Borders).
NAISMA	North American Invasive Species Management Association (formerly NAWMA)
NAWMA	North American Weed Management Association (former name, now NAISMA)
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County, Department of Defense
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization, generally not-for-profit
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture
NISC	National Invasive Species Council
NISMS	National Invasive Species Management System (Bureau of Land Management)
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency, Department of Commerce
NPS	National Park Service, Department of Interior
NY	New York
OESHA	Office of Environment, Safety and Health Assessments, Department of Energy
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PA	Pennsylvania
PM	Post Meridian (afternoon)
PRISM	Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management
RFP	Request For Proposals
RFS	Renewable Fuel Standard program (EPA)
RIN	Regulation Identification Number (EPA)
RRIS	Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition
SAFED	FICMNEW elist for federal employees
SD-DA	South Dakota Department of Agriculture
TN	Tennessee
US	United States
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey, Department of Interior
WAB	Weeds Across Borders (now North American Invasive Species Forum)
WRA	Weed Risk Assessment